

dollars in goods and services being traded between the two countries in 2006. Canada and the U.S. enjoy an interdependent energy relationship, trading oil, natural gas, coal, and electricity. Canada has a reported 178.8 billion barrels of oil reserves as of 2006, second only to Saudi Arabia. Over 95% of these reserves are in oil sands deposits in Alberta. Moreover, Canadian oil sands in Alberta have made Canada the largest exporter of oil to the U.S. and has helped alleviate our dependence on foreign sources of oil from parts of the world which geopolitically face much more risk than our neighbor to the North. Recent proposals by Canadian companies such as Enbridge and Altex to build oil pipelines from Alberta to Houston seem very promising, and I look forward to the progress they make. These 2,000-mile pipelines, which are targeted to be in service by 2010, will send over 500,000 barrels of oil per day.

I would like to congratulate Canada on its many accomplishments over the years and remain appreciative to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 3298, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3298

Account: FTA—Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

Address of Requesting Entity: 3375 Madison Pike, Fort Wright, KY 41017

Description of Request: Appropriate \$500,000 for the Bus Replacement Program at the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK). Funds will enable TANK to purchase new buses needed for safety and capacity issues. Newer buses will also help to achieve better fuel economy and have cleaner emissions than the buses currently in use and in need of replacement. The current buses that will be replaced have been in operation for one to two years beyond their FTA-recommended useful life (13 to 14 years of operation). This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety, capacity and energy efficiency.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3298

Account: FHWA—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Campbell County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 24 West Fourth St, Newport, KY 41071

Description of Request: Appropriate \$500,000 to rehabilitate the section of I-471 between I-275 and the Ohio River in Camp-

bell County, Kentucky. The project is listed in Kentucky's six year highway plan. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety, allow for continued economic growth in Northern Kentucky, and employ workers to complete the project. Importantly, I-471 will serve as an alternate route when work begins on repair or replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge on I-71/75. Rehabilitation of I-471 is critical to ensuring this redirected traffic moves in a fast and efficient manner without jeopardizing the safety of travelers. Finally, completing this maintenance will prolong the life of the road, avoiding necessity of more costly repairs.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3298

Account: HUD—Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Covington

Address of Requesting Entity: 2300 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41014

Description of Request: Appropriate \$250,000 for the renovation of the old Stewart Iron Works Building. The City of Covington is working with three non-profit social service agencies (Fairhaven Rescue Mission, Parish Kitchen, and Welcome House of Northern Kentucky) to create a multiagency one-stop for serving the needs of homeless individuals and families in the Northern Kentucky community. The project involves the rehabilitation of the Stewart Iron Works Building, relocation of several existing social service agencies into a single building. This will increase the ability to provide a full range of services, increase capacity, and provide on-site transitional housing. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the efficiency and quality of services for homeless individuals and families through an economy of scale. Demand for these types of services will only increase as the economy continues to struggle.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: University of Miami

Address of Requesting Entity: 1252 Memorial Drive, Ashe Administration Building, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Description of Request: I have secured \$952,000 for the Pediatric Integrative Medicine. This funding will be used for the development of a pioneer center of excellence for a Pediatric Integrative Medicine Model, the following benefits will be realized: The University of Miami will become a resource for other institutions in the community as well as nationally who are interested in this model of care. By becoming a center of excellence, our patient population would have the advantage of receiving the most comprehensive care that is

available nationwide. The collaboration between CAM practitioners and clinicians can increase the respect between the two health care delivery systems; may also establish trust by eliminating the competition usually occurring between the two fields. The holistic approach of most CAM interventions and therapies can increase awareness of health and wellness in children at an early age. With the impact that lifestyle and behavior have on health, children can reap the benefits of this early awareness well into adulthood. Through our Pediatric Integrative Medicine Model, the University of Miami would be poised to revolutionize pediatric care and advance the use of CAM as part of standard care. Specific targeted substudies may include: Water, one of the most important elements in our bodies yet one whose intake in children is universally limited. Exploring increased hydration therapy in children would be an inexpensive home-based intervention for improving health. Enzyme Deficiency, Implicated as a cause of illness and as an effector of health, enzyme deficiencies can be improved through supplementation with natural products such as wheatgrass, raw juices and living foods. Ambient Lighting and Light Therapy, extended hospitalizations reduce exposure to sunlight, potentially causing Vitamin D deficiency. Would supplementation through Vitamin D-rich foods be effective in preventing this deficiency? Additionally, are there other adverse health effects of certain lighting techniques (e.g. fluorescent or flos-fluorescent light)? Probiotics, could probiotics be useful in maintaining optimal colon health in children? If so, are there dosage considerations to be explored based on the significantly smaller size of the colon? Furthermore, can the use of probiotics reduce recovery time in hospitalized children? Massage Therapy, the negative impacts of stress are present throughout all age groups in the U.S., but the data exploring CAM methods for stress reduction in children is sparse. Recognizing the benefits of massage in adults and even in neonates, could massage be beneficial to children with elevated stress levels (whether that stress is psychological or biological such as that from chronic diseases)? Is massage a significant effector of biological markers of stress (inflammation, cytokines, C-reactive proteins etc.)? Others, exercise, polyunsaturated fatty acids, specific vitamin and other nutritional therapies, pediatric health behavior—adherence to CAM therapies and changes in mood outcome expectations—the possibilities are extensive.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Children's Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 3100 S.W. 62nd Ave., Miami, FL 33155

Description of Request: I have secured \$9,500,000 for the Miami Children's Hospital Congenital Heart Institute (CHI): Hybrid Pediatric Cardiac Suites. This funding will be used to improve the outcome for children with congenital heart disease through the construction of two new Hybrid Suites to maximize the potential of the tools and procedures that have been developed in Miami and elsewhere over the last 14 years. These adjoining hybrid suites will feature: full cardiac operating room capabilities including cardiopulmonary bypass,